

Regional Market Report TEXAS

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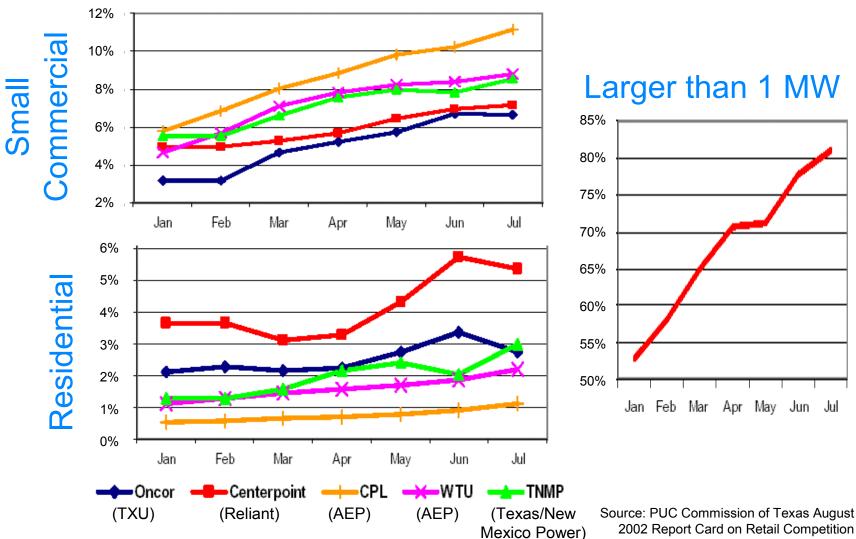


The Short Report on Texas

The Green Market Works Because the Market Works

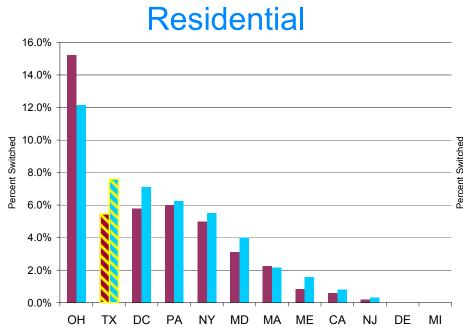


Texas Switching Activity (2002)





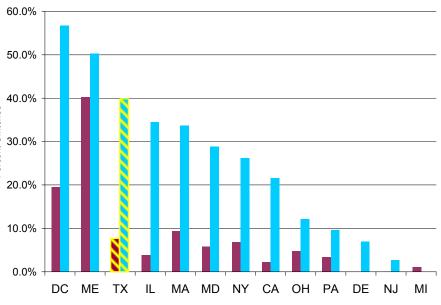
Nationwide Switching Activity (Mid-2002)



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Percent of Customers





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Percent of Load



Why the Texas Market Works

- > Fair "Price To Beat," with adjustable fuel factor
- Price to Beat" offered by competitive affiliates, with incentives to shed load
- > Easy sign up process no wet signature required
- > Uniform Business Rules within ERCOT
- A lot of wind power!



Green Power Marketing in Texas

- SMEC is currently the only REP actively marketing green power to residential customers
 - Our Product: 100% pollution free electricity
 - Our Price: about 5% premium to PTB
- SMEC customers support 150MW of new wind power in Texas
- Significant additional growth in green market and competitors expected over next year



Texas RPS is a Plus for the Green Market

- Has spurred the development of approximately 800 MW of wind power to date
- Established a tradable REC program
 - o Pros:
 - Eases annual compliance requirements
 - Emphasis on production, not installed capacity
 - o Cons:
 - Fairly illiquid market-annual REC auction would help
 - Wind farms located in areas with insufficient transmission



Remember

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Questions?